



KNOW Before You Go!

Rabid Animals

Our national forests provided habitat for wild animals, including dangerous animals like bears and venomous snakes. Wild animals can be upset by human presence and can unexpectedly become aggressive. Do not give them a reason or an opportunity to attack. Always keep your distance. Your safety is your responsibility. Animals that live in this forest are wild, even though they may look or act tame. Wildlife experts recommend keeping at least 100 yards away from bears and 25 yards from other large animals. The consequences of approaching wildlife can be serious. You are responsible for your own safety as well as the safety of wildlife. Wild animals should be allowed to forage for food, care for their young, sleep and play without human disturbance.



Checklist

- ☐ Keep your pet under physical restraint at all times.
- ☐ Don't leave your food out in the open when he's not eating it. It could attract unwanted insects and wildlife.
- ☐ Approaching or feeding wild animals is never appropriate.
- ☐ Wild animals (including deer, bison, and elk) are individualistic and unpredictable.
- ☐ A car horn, barking dog, or excited children can trigger an animal into fight or flight behavior.
- ☐ Both the females and males of most wildlife species are equally dangerous.
- ☐ Always maintain a safe distance.
- ☐ Wash hands regularly to prevent harmful diseases .

When going out, always ask yourself:

- ☐ Do you have a map of the area?
- ☐ Do you know what type of wildlife hunts the area?
- ☐ Do I have a preparedness plan?
- ☐ Do I have an emergency supply kit?